PROPOSITIONS

To bee preſented to his Majeſty,

BY ALL THE LOYALL SUBJECTS of England, now that the Rebels would ſeeme to incline to a Perſonall Treaty.

Reſolved upon the Queſtion, by the Lords, Knights, Gentry and Commons, now in Armes for his Majeſty, and the Lawes.

THAT His Majeſty ſhall be no longer held as a Priſoner in the Iſle of Wight: That the Rogue HAMMOND his Majeſties Divelliſh Jaylor be hangd; and His Majeſty ſpeedily come to London.

Reſolved upon the Queſtion.

THAT all Committee men bee ſet apart for the Gallowes, all Excize men for the Gallies, and all their petty-fogging Meſſengers for the whipping Poſt.

Die 25. July, 1648.

Ordered by the Lords, Knights, and Gentry aforeſaid, that theſe Propoſitions, with the Ordinance and Reſolution, be foorthwith Printed and publiſhed, and read by all Loyall Subjects,

John Loyall Cleric. Angl.

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Propoſitions to be preſented to his Majeſty, &c.

Our Majeſty hath had ſo long and ſo deare experience of the treacheries, cruelties, and oppreſſions of thoſe Rebels at Weſtminſter, who call themſelves a Parliament, that wee need not lay before your Majeſty, the evill conſequence of their pernicious practiſes, or ſtrive with farre fetcht Oratory, to diſſect their divelliſh devices; we therefore ſhall proceed in all humbleneſſe, proſtrating our ſelves at your Majeſties feet, to implore your gracious acceptance and conſideration, of theſe following Propoſitions, which we know will prove moſt profitable to your Majeſty, your poſterity and friends.

Firſt, wee humbly deſire your Majeſty to call to minde that the Rebels (by the permiſſion of God for the ſins of this Nation) having overcome & ſubdued your forces, & having bought your perſon of the Scots, notwithſtanding that by their Covenant they had ſolemnly proteſted, that they took not up Armes againſt your Majeſty, or in contempt of your juſt power, but to redeeme you out of their hands who were Yours and the Kingdomes enemies; and that done to elevate your throne much higher then all your anceſtors, and to make you the moſt great and glorious Prince in the world; yet when they had atchieved their intentions, had quite beaten your friends, and had your perſon at their owne diſpoſing, they quite forgot what they had ſo ſolemnly proteſted, and in ſtead thereof became ſtudious which way to put your Majeſty from all your Priviledges and poſſeſſions, to alter the fundamentall Lawes of the Land, and to ſet up a perfect Anarchy.

For the effecting of which, they underhand dealt with ſome chiefe Officers in the Army, to betray your perſon into the Iſle of Wight, yet ſo that the people might imagine it as your own wiſh; which done, and your Majeſtie clapt up cloſe priſoner, the ſame condition that you are now (in a maner) in, they pro-

ceeded to make themselves a State, and for that purpose they openly declared in print, that they would no longer repose trust in your Majesty, as being the murtherer of your father, and a contriver of the ruine of your people: that therefore they would (for the future) have nothing to doe with you, neyther make any addresses to you, or receive any letter from you, but of themselves would settle the Kingdome.

But then being arrived at the height of their mischiefe, and imagining the people were so perfectly infatuated, that they would have sat still like creatures voyd of understanding, and have suffered themselves and posterity to bee for ever enslaved, they began to declare themselves altogether in their own name, your Majesty never mentioned, to appropriate to themselves all your Majesties power, and in all things to make themselves as absolute as the States of Holland; and they had certainely performed their intents, to the utter ruine of your Majesty your posterity, and subjects, had it not pleased God mercifully to looke upon us, and to illuminate the eyes of the people, who on a sudden became sensible of their owne wretched estate, and withall resolute to hazard their lives for the regayning of their liberties, your Majesties subjects of Kent, beginning the first example, and now at present the whole Nation, being all upon rising: neither did it please God, that only upon the Land these bloudy Rebels should find unwonted opposition but also upon the Sea, in regard your Majesties best Ships (formerly in their possession) are revolted from them: your Majesties sonne his Highnesse the Duke of Yorke, and also your Majesties subjects of Scotland, being now entred into England, for the service of your Majesty with a great Army both of horse and foot, who are now already joyned with other your subjects in the North: Castles, Forts, Cities, and Townes, being daily ceased upon for your Majesty: now that they perceive the people are so in love with Monarchicall government, and the sweet blessing of of Peace, under a peacefull and Righteous King, having found by experience that without your Majesty be possessed of government, they are no longer a free people, but open to the outragious injunctions of Rebells and Traytors; therefore now

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they can no longer ſhare the crowne, they are contented that your Majeſty have it intire; whereas the world knowes that if they could any longer have ſupported their uſurped power, your Majeſty ſhould have been kept priſoner till the day of your death if perhaps their feares would have permitted them to have ſpared your life, and not to have made you away by poyſon, or otherwiſe, as they lately attempted, by their Helliſh inſtrument *Rolfe*) your children kept out of the Land by armed men, and themſelves have commanded the lives and eſtates of the people at their pleaſures.

We therefore humbly beſeech your Majeſty to behold this their forced ſubmiſſion, with a ſterne and rigid eye, and to eſteeme of them no otherwiſe, but as men beaten to a TREATIE, yours and the Kingdomes implacable Enemies, and therefore utterly uncapable of any truſt for the future.

Secondly, we beſeech your Majeſty ſo to reſpect your owne Perſon, and the glory of your fame, as not to ſuffer your ſelfe to be brought up to London as a Pageant, a May-game for the Sectaries to behold and laugh at, and then to be returned back to your Cell, and to be cloyſtered up more ſtrictly then before; for let your Majeſty know that the Cittizens of London have already agreed, that in caſe your Majeſty ſhall not make up an agreement with the Rebells, they will not ſecure your perſon from them, but will deliver you up to be againe diſpoſed of according to their wiſdomes (their very words) the nature of their diſpoſall we know your Majeſty cannot but imagine.

To prevent the manner of which Tyrannicall mock Treaty, we humbly beſeech your Majeſty (ſince they muſt be conſtrained to come to compoſition will they nill they) before you aſſure them that you deigne to treat, to have the *Militia*, and *Navy* (we meane thoſe that have not yet declared for you) reſtored unto your command, new Officers Choſen, whom you by the advice of your friends ſhall nominate, and they anew to take the Oath of Alegeance and ſupremacy, that ſo your Majeſty may Treate with ſafety, and like your ſelfe, and not be as you have beene hither to, a mock and deriſion to your enemies, who fat themſelves with yours, and your Subjects ruines.

Thirdly, that ere your Majeſty condiſcend to treat, you will pleaſe, that your Wife our Soveraigne Lady, and moſt gracious Queene *Mary*, your ſonne his highneſſe the Prince of *Wales*, and the reſt of your Loyall friends beyond the Seas, who have this many yeares beene kept from the injoyment of their owne by the perfidiouſneſſe of the Rebells at *Weſtminſter*, and to the immortal infamy of this Nation have been ſuffered to live upon the almes of ſtrangers, be called home againe, your Wife to your boſome, your ſonne to your tuition, and your friends to your counſell, that ſo you may returne in full luſter, and be a peace-maker in as much glory as your Anceſtors.

Fourthly, that all thoſe who have ſurvived the fury of the Rebels, aſwell the Lords ſpirituall (who contrary to the Fundamentall Lawes of the Land, were outed the houſe, and their voyce in Parliament taken away) as the Lords temporall, and thoſe loyall ones of the Communalty, who either deſerted the Rebels, as foreſeeing their intents, or were violently expulſed for denying to joine with them in their treaſonable and deſtructive undertakings, may be reſtored to their places in Parliament, that ſo your Majeſty may not be expoſed to the inevitable inconveniences, that will elſe aſſuredly happen, or be deſtitute of a party equivolent to the Rebells, that ſo in caſe (which if any attempt with ſafety can performe ſhall be ſurely effected) that the Treaty ſhould not be prevalent, your Majeſty may be in a condition to diſſolve this old Rebellious (and indeed onely by name, and not in ſubſtance) Parliament, and may according to your wonted power, command the convening of another, who may declare all their miſchievous Orders null and voyd, and reſtore this Kingdome to its ancient and excellent forme of Government.

Theſe our deſires being ſo conſonant to your Majeſties, and this Kingdomes happineſſe, as that without the punctuall performance of them, neither your Majeſty, or this Kingdome can expect any future tranquility, but ſtill to be involved in domeſtique debates, and never dying miſeries, ſo long as there ſhalbe two in a family, or till England become another *Golgotha*: wee beſeech your Majeſty to take into your ſerious conſideration,

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and to adhere to them as the only meanes for your owne, your posterity and peoples safety.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LORDS, Knights, Gentry, and Commons of England, now in Arms, for the redemption of his Majesty out of Prison, and the recovery of their Lawes and Liberties, and to bring the Rebels at Westminster and their abettors, to condigne punishment.

WHereas wee have found by many yeares experience, that those at Westminster (who sit and vote without his Majesties assent, and whom he hath proclaymed to bee Rebels and Traytors to his Crowne and Dignity, as appeares by many Declarations yet extant) have convened and assembled themselves together, under pretence to reforme abuses, and yet permit all maner of enormities, and tolerate all maner of murthers, massacres, plunders, and outrages, to the apparant ruine and inevitable destruction of the Nation (if not timely prevented) We the Lords, Knights, and Gentlemen now in Armes for the redemption of his Majesties person out of captivity, and for the recovery of our Lawes and Liberties, doe order and ordayne, That from henceforth the Rebels at Westminster, who audaciously call themselves a Parliament, shall no more bee distinguished by that name, but tearmed on all occasions by the fit and due epithites of Traytors, Rebels, and destroyers of their Nation and Country: and we doe heereby decree and ordaine, and be it ordained and decreed, by the King our Soveraign Lord, the Lords, Knights, Gentry and Commons now in Armes, for the purchasing of their lost freedomes, that whosoever shall joine or yeeld assistance to those pernicious and bloud-sucking Rebels at Westminster, either by person or purse, so to obstruct the speedy settlement of the Kingdome, are Traytors and Rebels by the Lawes of God, and the Lawes of the Land, and shall be so lookt upon, their estates confiscate, and themselves punished with death. And it is further decreed and ordayned by the Kings Majesty our Soveraigne Lord, and the Lords, Knights, and

and Gentlemen, now in Armes, That his Majesty bee speedily fetcht out of the Isle of Wight, where he remaines as a prisoner in Carisbrooke Castle, and bee brought to his Palace at Westminster, with ringing of Bells, Bonefires, and all sorts of triumph and joy.

Tom Tell Troth Cleric.

Resolved upon the Question.

That his gowty Excellency Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, shalbe sent prisoner to the Tower as a Traytor, and that Mr. *Warner* the mocke Mayor of London accompany him.

Resolved upon the Question.

That the Rebels at Westminster, who call themselves the Lower house, be each of them sent to Newgate, there to remain without bayle or mainprize, till the King shall be setled in his Throne, and then summoned to a triall by Justice.

Resolved upon the Question.

That every Tub preacher be searcht out, and when discovered, each to be set upright in his hollow vessell, then to bee surrounded with billets, faggots, and other combustible matter, and they fired about him, and the fire kept together till he burn to ashes.

Resolved upon the Question.

That the Reverend Bishops and Fathers of the Church bee restored each to his See, and former Dignity: that the Common Prayer and Divine Service be againe read in all Churches. That the Organs be againe erected in Saint Pauls Temple, and all other Cathedralls: That the surplice, and the other decent garments be againe worne by the Ministers and Curates: and that his Majesty be prayed for, his Queene, Posterity, and well-wishers in all Congregations.

FINIS.